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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Alvarez et al.

Application No.: 09/079,678

Filed: May 15, 1998

For: RANDOM PEPTIDES THAT BIND TO

GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT (GIT) TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND RELATED

METHODS

Confirmation No.: 8606

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Teller, Roy R.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, be extended for a period of one (1) month from February 14, 2003 to and including March 14, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 14, 2003

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